Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3922	3713	4478
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	3795	5259	4598
10.	Jharkhand	—	—	N.A.
11.	Karnataka	93359	107349	112104
12.	Kerala	45393	42456	51789
13.	Madhya Pradesh	81238	79742	66547
14.	Maharashtra	220116	150458	167962
15.	Manipur	1639	1723	2191
16.	Meghalaya	392	500	1000
17.	Orissa	28947	39798	38609
18.	Punjab	17748	17409	24696
19.	Rajasthan	47166	59721	62002
20.	Sikkim	77	79	N.A.
21.	Tamil Nadu	160418	183274	198454
22.	Tripura	7240	8055	9499
23.	Uttaranchal	0	0	15578
24.	Uttar Pradesh	230758	238835	295322
25.	West Bengal	105140	140095	138591
26.	Daman and Diu	76	25	45
27.	Dadra & N. Haveli	31	31	N.A.
28.	Delhi	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
29.	Pondicherry	2349	2400	2496
	TOTAL	1391701	1395851	1502314

Benefits to Senior Citizens

1597. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Government Departments are providing certain benefits to senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on 28th February, 2002, Department-wise;

(c) whether some age limits have been prescribed for senior citizens to avail these benefits;

(d) whether some formalities have been prescribed for senior citizens to avail these benefits;

(e) if so, the details thereof, as on 28th February, 2002, benefit-wise;

(f) whether Smart Cards are proposed to be used by senior citizens in Delhi and Himachal Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details thereof with formalities required for same alongwith benefits attached to these cards?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) 391 Old Age Homes, 469 Day Care Centres and 83 Mobile Medicare Units have been set up by 609 NGOs with Grant in Aid from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. 10kg of foodgrain is distributed to each destitute elderly every month under "Annapurna Scheme" of Ministry of Rural Development, separate queue system for the elderly is operational in hospitals, elder citizens are given priority in telephone connection and grievance redressal by Department of Telecommunications, concessional forms are given by Railways and Civil Aviation. Some public sectors banks allow higher interest on deposits by the elderly.

(c) Age limit of 60 or 65 has been prescribed under separate schemes;

(d) and (e) Formalities are incorporated in the schemes;

(f) No Sir;

(g) Does not arise.